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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re the Application of: **Takashi NAKAGAWA et al.**

Group Art Unit: **1647**

Application Number: **10/673,380**

Examiner: **Sandra L. Wegert**

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For: **METHOD FOR PREVENTION AND TREATMENT OF KIDNEY  
DISEASES**

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**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
P. O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

November 8, 2006

Sir:

This paper is submitted in response to the Official Action dated October 13, 2006.

In the Action, restriction is required between Group I , Claims (1-5) and Group II , Claim (6).

Applicants hereby elect the subject matter of Group I , Claims (1-5) for prosecution in this application. Applicants further elect a) rapidly progressive glomerulo nephritis syndrome from the Species Election One, and a) PAR-2 ligand from the Species Election Two. This election is made without traverse, and it is understood that Applicant's rights to the filing of a divisional application directed to the non-elected subject matter under 35 U.S.C. §120 and 35 U.S.C. §121 are retained.

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If this paper is not timely filed, Applicants respectfully petition for an appropriate extension of time. The fees for such an extension or any other fees that may be due with respect to this paper may be charged to Deposit Account No. 50-2866.

Respectfully submitted,

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